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SUBJECT: EC PROPOSALS ON COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH OIL

PRODUCERS.

REF: A) USEC BRUSSELS 482; B) USEC BRUSSELS 520; C) ROME
1094; D) THE HAGUE 386

1. REFTEL A) REPORTS THAT EC COMMISSION APPROVED AND
FORWARDED TO COUNCIL ON JANUARY 24 PROPOSAL FOR COOPERATION
AGREEMENTS BETWEEN EC AND PRODUCER COUNTRIES. REF B)
GIVES DRAFT TEXT. REFS C) AND D) INDICATE THAT EC-NINE
ARE DISCUSSING SAME ISSUE IN PARALLEL POLITICAL CONSULTA-
TIONS CHANNEL, WHERE WORKING PARTY ON MIDDLE EAST HOPES
MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO FEB 6-7 POL. DIRECTORS MEETING.

2. ACTION POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS
TO HOST GOVERNMENT AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL, WITHOUT
REFERENCE TO REFTEL SOURCES OF INFORMATION;

A. THE COMMUNITY IS UNDOUBTEDLY CONSIDERING WAYS OF
GIVING EFFECT TO SUMMIT DECISION IN COPENHAGEN ON
DECEMBER 15 CONCERNING IMPORTANCE OF ENTERING INTO
NEGOTIATIONS WITH OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES ON COMPREHENSIVE
ARRANGEMENTS. IN PURSUING THIS POINT, WE WOULD HOPE THAT

THE COMMISSION AND MEMBER STATES OF THE COMMUNITY WOULD
BEAR THE FOLLOWING IN MIND.

B. THE AGENDA AT THE FEBRUARY 11 ENERGY CONFERENCE IN
WASHINGTON WILL INCLUDE MANY KEY ELEMENTS INVOLVING
ECONOMIC AND MONETARY COOPERATION WITH THE ARAB PRODUCING
STATES.

C. AS A RESULT OF THE CONFERENCE, WE BELIEVE THAT BOTH
UNITED STATES AND COMMUNITY CAN PROCEED WITH MORE
CONFIDENCE IN AN OBVIOUSLY CRITICAL AREA OF IMPORTANCE
IN WHICH WE MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT RUINOUS
COMPETITION FOR OIL RESOURCES DOES NOT DEVELOP AMONG
CONSUMING NATIONS.

D. WE WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT ANY DECISIONS IN PRINCIPLE
ON AN EC APPROACH TO OIL PRODUCING STATES WOULD BE
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DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER THAT CONFERENCE.

E. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS TAKEN
A POSITION ON COMMUNITY AND EC NINE DELIBERATIONS; WE
WOULD ANTICIPATE CONSIDERABLE SCOPE FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE
EUROPEAN INITIATIVE.

F. NOR HAVE WE PREJUDGED WHAT FORM COOPERATION BETWEEN

THE CONSUMING AND PRODUCER NATIONS SHOULD TAKE, IN
ADVANCE OF DISCUSSIONS WHICH WILL COMMENCE IN THE
FEBRUARY 11 CONFERENCE.

G. WE WOULD WISH IN ANY CASE TO NOTE THAT CONSULTATION
IS A TWO-WAY STREET AND BEFORE THE MEMBER STATES LAUNCH
A MAJOR INITIATIVE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WE WOULD EXPECT
EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO ARRANGE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN US
IN ADVANCE AND TO AVOID POSSIBILITY OF DIVERGENT
POLICIES BEING TAKEN INDIVIDUALLY BY CONSUMER COUNTRIES.

3. FYI DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING PROMPTLY ANY
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING COMMISSION AND EC-NINE
PROPOSALS WHICH ADDRESSEE POSTS DEVELOP. WE WOULD BE
PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN MORE PRECISE INFORMATION ABOUT
THE PROPOSALS ON WHICH THE POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS
APPARATUS OF THE NINE IS WORKING. END FYI KISSINGER

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